

NEBRASKA AGRICULTURAL YOUTH INSTITUTE

2015 NAYI Application

NAYI 2015 will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, from July 6-10. The selection of delegates to this Institute is based on this application form.

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture will provide all arrangements and the cost of meals, lodging and conference fees during the Institute for each delegate. Transportation to Lincoln and any other personal expenses during the Institute will be the responsibility of the delegate. Eligibility is limited to young men and women who are current high school juniors or seniors.

It is preferred that applications be typed. Present your answers only in the space provided. **One letter of recommendation** (could be from your high school superintendent, principal, counselor, FFA advisor, county extension educator or 4-H club leader) is also required. Please submit **one wallet-size (head shot) glossy photo** of yourself, which will be used for the NAYI yearbook and any media inquiries. Please label the back of the photo with your first and last name.

Applications are available online at <http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/nayi>.

This application must be postmarked by April 15, 2015.

Applicant: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female

Name as you would like it to appear in the NAYI yearbook:

Parents' or Guardian names: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail address: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ County: _____

School Name: _____ City that school is located in: _____

Have you attended NAYI before?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you like to be considered for a Returning Delegate (RD) position?

☐ Yes ☐ No

High school grade level for 2014-2015 school year:

☐ Junior ☐ Senior

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(Be sure to stay in the space provided.)

Why do you want to attend NAYI, and what do you hope to gain from the experience?

How has the agricultural industry had an impact on you? What current agricultural issues are having an impact on your life, farm, or community?

What are your career goals and how might you influence the agricultural industry in the future?

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List no more than six (6) major activities and/or organizations you have participated in within the last four years (school and non-school). Designate any offices or leadership roles you have held and contributions you have made to these activities.

Do you have an interest in writing, photography or news media? If so, consider being a part of the Thomas Jefferson Media Group. The group works together to create daily newsletters, morning news reports and is responsible for taking pictures and videos. If you wish to be considered to be a part of the Thomas Jefferson Media Group please respond to this question: What do you believe you could contribute to the Thomas Jefferson Media Group?

If you wish to be considered for a Returning Delegate (RD) position, please respond to this question: What qualities do you possess that make you the best RD candidate?

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By signing, I agree, that if selected to attend, I will participate in NAYI from July 6-10.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Date: _____

To assist us in future planning of NAYI promotion, please indicate where or from whom you learned about NAYI.

- ☐ NAYC member (Name: _____) ☐ Past NAYI delegate
- ☐ School visit by NAYC member: _____ ☐ Facebook/Twitter post
- ☐ Ag advisor/Extension agent ☐ State FFA Convention
- ☐ Other _____

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Make sure to include:

- **1 wallet-sized (head shot) glossy photo of yourself labeled with your first and last name on the back of the photo**
- **1 Letter of Recommendation**
- **Completed Application**

Return to: Nebraska Department of Agriculture
Trent Mastny and Johnny Ference
301 Centennial Mall South
P.O. Box 94947
Lincoln, NE 68509-4947

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Letter of Recommendation

This section is to be completed by a high school superintendent, principal, teacher counselor, county extension agent, FFA advisor or 4-H club leader.

Applicant name: _____

Please provide a statement concerning the applicant's character and leadership ability.

Do you feel the applicant is interested in the agricultural industry and in helping to strengthen and improve the quality of life in rural Nebraska?

Anything else you feel we need to know about the applicant? _____

Signature of official: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

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* Note: Letters of Recommendation can be included in the student's application packet, or may be mailed separately.